

A Proper New balad of the Bzyber Gehezie.

Taken out of the fourth booke of Kinges the. v. Chapter.
To the tune of Kyng Salomon.

WAs not the Bzyber Gehezie
Rewarded iustly of the Lord,
Which for example verelie,
The holie Scripture doth re-
If this be true, as true it was, (corde
Of his rewarde:
Why should not chrisitan men alas,
Than haue regarde.

When that the Prophet Elizae
Had censed from the Leprosie,
Naaman of Assiria,
Thow the workes of God on hye:
Then Naaman wolde him constraine
To take rewarde:
But Elizae from that refrainde,
And had regarde.

But Gehezie of falsehed minde,
When Naaman did passe a waie.
Did hie him false that was behinde;
And vnto Naaman did saie:
Beholde my master hath me sente
For a rewarde,
To Prophetes children he is bente
To haue regarde.

With right good will said Naaman,
Him to rewarde, and did proceede,
And Gehezie conuaide it then
So preuile in verte deede,
For getting that the prophete tho,
Of his rewarde
Could by the sprite of God it knowe,
And haue regarde,

Alas how was thou Gehezie,
Rauished in worldly gaine:
How was thou brought to miserie,
Of God appointed for thy paine;
And all thy ofspringe after thee,
For thy rewarde,
The Lorde that hateth Bzyberie,
Hath his regarde.

Then Gehezie deceitfulie
To fore the prophet toke his waie,
Who said to hime, o Gehezie,
Went not my harte with thee I saie,
When Naaman from Charret came,
Thee to rewarde:
And thou hast falselie hid the same,
Without regarde.

Gehezie) is it now a time
Thy bribes (he said) for to receaue:
Beholde for this thy wicked crime
That leprosie to thee shall cleaue,
The which was vpon Naaman,
For thy rewarde,
And to thy seede thee after than,
To haue regarde.

Incontinent then Gehezie
Departed from his presence so,
As the Texte doth verelie,
A Leper white as is the snowe,
Example to such bribers all,
To haue regarde,
With Gehezie at lengthe they shall
Haue their rewarde,

If they doe not their faultes confesse
Detestinge of their Bzyberie,
Else God will spie ther wickednesse
Though they it cloke with Gehezie:
And can them paie accordingle,
The like rewarde,
As he hath done to Gehezie,
O haue regarde.

The Lord he is that same God still
That he was than vndoubtedlie,
Such Gehezies he punish will,
That Bribes receiue so wickedlie,
Though they so preuile do hide
their false rewarde.
Yet of the Lorde it will be spide,
Who hath regarde.

O Lorde vs guide in all our waies
That we may leade our liues a right
to deale with trueth at all assaies,
Giue vnto vs thy holie sprite:
And that our Queene & her Councell
Gate haue regarde,
In this Lande Bribers to expell
that take rewarde.

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